



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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ATTORNEY GENERAL FURMAN TO ADDRESS SOCIETY ON "NEW JERSEY AND THE CIVIL WAR", MAY 23

The Society is honored to have as its featured speaker on Tuesday, May 23, the Honorable David D. Furman, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, and a noted speaker on the early history of this state.

Mr. Furman's subject, to commemorate this Civil War Centennial year, will be the role New Jersey played in the war between the states.

The Attorney General is that rare historian—one who imbues factual data with imagination and an understanding of the human elements which underlie all history. Mr. Furman's talk last year to celebrate the dedication in 1789 of the Moravian Church at Oldman's Creek, Swedesboro, excerpts of which were reported in our February Bulletin, gave living dimensions to the Revolutionary War in New Jersey.

As mentor and member of the Civil War Centennial Commission of this state, he has shown his extraordinary understanding of the significance of the events in New Jersey which affected the outcome of the conflict.

Those from Haddonfield who attended the dedication at Swedesboro found Mr. Furman a charming speaker as well as an erudite historian. We are sure

NEXT MEETING

Note change of meeting place

DATE: Tuesday, May 23

TIME: 8:00 P. M.

**PLACE: Headquarters Garage
(rear of Headquarters Building,
Greenfield Hall, 343
King's Highway East.)**

no member will want to miss the pleasure of hearing our distinguished guest at the May 23 meeting and we hope members will bring their friends who might be interested in joining the Society and participating in its many interesting and valuable programs.

MEMBERS ASKED TO BRING CIVIL WAR MEMENTOES

Now is the time to open the attic trunks, dust off those Civil War relics and display them at our meeting on May 23. Your Civil War mementoes—guns, swords, belts, caps, uniforms, letters, official documents and newspaper accounts etcetera—will add tre-

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DR. ROY P. BASLER TELLS STATE LEGISLATURE LINCOLN'S MEANING TO N. J. AND THE WORLD

To set the stage for the Society's Civil War program on May 23, the following excerpts have been chosen from an inspiring address made by Dr. Roy P. Basler, chief of the reference department of the Library of Congress, before the re-enactment of the Joint Session of the New Jersey Legislature, February 21, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's historic visit to the State House in Trenton. Anthony Quinn, the celebrated actor, had just enacted the role of Abraham Lincoln as he addressed the Joint Session on his way to Washington for his inauguration 12 days later.

"Humbly reflecting on scenes invoked by the reading of the words spoken a century ago by the greatest American who ever appeared before the Senate or the General Assembly of this heroic and historic state, and proudly grateful for the spirit of the man that was Lincoln, let us renew his pledge and theirs of 'devotion to the Union, the Constitution and the liberties of the people.'

"We should also be, as Lincoln said he was, anxious that the principle of freedom and equality, that something more than National Independence; that something that held out a great promise to all the people of the world to all time to come. . . shall be perpetuated. We are human beings first, and Americans second. Whether consistently or intermittently, most of us are partisans only at third hand. As one whose traditions are divided in politics, I have at different times, I believe, voted for both good Democrats and good Republicans. Let this centenary remind us that the right to choose is, and always has been, the guarantee of continued freedom, and that responsibility is the guarantee of the right to choose. And let it remind us also that when the people have chosen, they have the right to change or corroborate their choice at succeeding elections, but that the choice of the majority must be honored until a succeeding election affords another opportunity

to change. This is what your predecessors recognized a century ago by honoring the man who had been chosen by the people of most of the then states of the union, even though a plurality of the people of New Jersey had at the same election voted for an opposing candidate, and had chosen a majority of state representatives and senators from the opposing party.

"This is, in simple, what the Civil War was about. As Lincoln phrased it in his Message to Congress in Special Session on July 4, 1861, the Civil War was to demonstrate to the world, that those who can fairly carry on election, can also suppress a rebellion—that ballots are the rightful, and peaceful, successors of bullets; and that when ballots have fairly, and constitutionally, decided, there can be no successful appeal, except to ballots themselves, at succeeding elections. Such will be a great lesson of peace; teaching men that what they cannot take by an election, neither can they take it by a war—teach all, the folly of being the beginners of a war.

"Abraham Lincoln said this: I hold that while man exists, it is his duty to improve not only his own condition, but to assist in ameliorating mankind; and therefore, without entering upon the details of the question, I will simply say, that I am for those means which will give the greatest good to the greatest number."

"On our part at least, should we not continue most carefully to weigh this matter of our interest, in the conservative spirit of Lincoln, recognizing that 'ameliorating mankind' is the only ultimate interest worthy of ourselves and our nation? Let us seek the best means today by which 'that something that held out a great promise to all the people of the world to all time to come . . . shall be perpetuated' ".

SEARLE APPOINTED RESIDENT CUSTODIAN

William A. Searle, resident of long standing in Haddonfield and known to many of us, has been appointed resident custodian of our new headquarters.

Mr. Searle will move into Greenfield Hall where he will be on duty during public hours and such other times as the house is in use.

GIFTS AND LOANS AIDED DEDICATION PROGRAM

Mrs. Martha Goettelmann, president of the Society, wishes to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Society to those who generously contributed gifts and loans to help make the dedication of our new headquarters in February a notable success.

The building was furnished with many items of unusual beauty and interest, the abundant flowers helped to create the atmosphere of a living home and the tastefulness of the decorations and refreshments enriched the evening's program immeasurably. "Thank you to all who gave so unstintingly."

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mendous interest to our Civil War program. Be sure your name is pinned or attached to your possession and whatever information you may have which will enlighten our members. A special exhibition table will be set up in our headquarters garage for the display.

NEW EDUCATION COMMITTEE BEGINS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Mrs. Nancy Hart, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Society, reports that progress is being made in establishing the Society as an educational force in the community. A Historical Society shelf has been started in the children's room of the Haddonfield Public Library and the Committee appeals to all members to add to the collection with books on early New Jersey or Pennsylvania history suitable for children and young teens.

Donations will also be gratefully received to enable the library to purchase books. Much appreciated has been the gift of the Indian King Chapter of the Questors, "The Rainbow Book of American Folk Tales and Legends," by Maria Leach, which includes several Jersey legends.

Mrs. Hart has also talked with the librarian of the Haddonfield Memorial High School who listed the special needs of the school's American History Shelf: documentary material, texts, good historical novels in any period of American history and especially books on New Jersey. Also needed are American Heritage volumes. Mrs. Hart invites members to contribute to these needs if they possibly can.

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS TO BE VOTED ON NEXT MEETING

Please note following change in by-laws which are to be voted upon at our next meeting. In accordance with our by-laws changes must be published ten days before the voting takes place.

SECTION ONE. Classes. The Society shall be composed of the following classes of members:

- A. Contributing members.
- B. Sustaining members.
- C. Presently existing life members and such further life members as have been heretofore or shall be hereafter designated by the Board of Trustees.

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18th CENTURY BUILDINGS IN HADDONFIELD STILL STAND

(The following is a partial list of houses and buildings now standing in Haddonfield which are 100 or more years old. Additional buildings will be listed in your next Bulletin.)

1713—Brick building at rear of Wood House on Wood Lane—Elizabeth Haddon's "Brew House". This building was originally one story.

1732 — 258 King's Highway East, Timothy Matlack.

1732—(about) 260 King's Highway East.

1739 — 38 Tanner Street. "The Tanyard House," Isaac Andrews. Originally 1½ stories high.

1741 — 135 King's Highway East. Now Terry's Shop. Estaugh House, occupied by Ann Banks when Elizabeth Estaugh made her will, Nov. 1761. Left to Mary Stevens, who was niece of John Estaugh.

1741 — 137 King's Highway East. Now Haddon Towne Shop. Estaugh House, willed to Sarah Hopkins, daughter of Ebenezer Hopkins and who married Caleb Cresson.

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Haddonfield, N. J.

HOW TO JOIN THE HADDONFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Check the classification you wish and mail with your check or money order and your name and address to the Treasurer, Mr. Charles R. Mulloy, Jr., 125 Wedgwood Lane, Haddonfield.

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\$25.00 per couple per year

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